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Stalled Projects
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

a) the details and the number of the central sector infrastructure projects which are reported time and cost overrun, State/ Sector/Project-wise and the reasons therefor;

b) whether the Government is formulating a new plan under the direct supervision of Prime Minister's Office to kick start stalled road, power and other large projects and if so, the details in this regard;

c) the details and number of projects undertaken in States that have been stalled/delayed for more than one year due to non-clearance from the Government and the reasons therefor along with the amount stuck therein, State-wise and project-wise;

d) whether the Government proposes to set up a mechanism for granting clearance/nod to the project received from the States within a fixed time frame and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

e) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government for speedy execution of stalled projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) : Government through the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation monitors on-going Central Sector Infrastructure Projects costing Rs. 150 crore and above on time and cost overruns on the basis of information provided by the project implementation agencies. As on 01.06.2015 a total of 766 projects were on the monitor of this Ministry. Of these, 232 projects were showing time overruns, 229 projects were showing cost overruns and 71 projects were showing both time and cost overruns with respect to their original project implementation schedules. State-wise, Sector-wise and Project-wise details of 71 projects showing both time and cost overruns are at Annexure I.

(b) : Government of India (GoI) initiates projects through concerned Ministries / Departments which are entrusted with the work of their implementation and direct monitoring. However, the progress of various projects including stalled projects is also monitored by Prime Minister's Office (PMO) by convening meetings etc. at different levels from time to time. A programme namely "PRAGATI" (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation) has also been initiated by PMO to monitor the projects / schemes. This is a three tier (PMO, GOI Secretaries and Chief Secretaries of States) Information Technology (IT) based redressal and monitoring system where Hon'ble Prime Minister interacts through Video-Conferencing on issues (including those relating to stalled projects).

(c) : In 21 on-going Central Sector Infrastructure Projects costing Rs 150 crore and above which were showing time overruns of more than one year as on 01.06.2015 the project implementing agencies had inter-alia reported delay in environment & forest clearances. State-wise and Project-wise details of these 21 projects are at Annexure II.

(d) to (e): The major steps undertaken to ensure completion of Central Sector Infrastructure Projects without time and cost overruns include: rigorous project appraisal; a Project Monitoring Group (PMG) in the Cabinet Secretariat for facilitating resolution of issues of projects brought to the portal of the PMG by the project proponents; On-line Computerized Monitoring System (OCMS) in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for continuous monitoring of on-going projects; Standing Committees in the Ministries for fixation of responsibility for time and cost overruns; regular review of infrastructure projects by the concerned administrative Ministries; and Central Sector Projects Coordination Committees (CSPCCs) in the States under the Chief Secretaries for removal of bottlenecks and for facilitating the speedy implementation of major projects.